IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HIRASE, Masaki et al.

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE

SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 20, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, for two months from February 21, 2004 to April 21, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00, to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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